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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on June 11, 2001, Applicants hereby call the following documents, which were cited in a Japanese Notice of Reason for Rejection dated February 25, 2003 for corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-094259, to the Examiner's attention:

International Publication No. WO 99/17493, which was published on April 8, 1999, together with an English Abstract of JP 2001-518742 which corresponds to wo 99/13493 is also attached; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-275046, which was published on October 8, 1999, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

The relevance of each of these documents is as noted on the attached copy of the Japanese Notice of Reason for Rejection (together with an English language translation of the same).

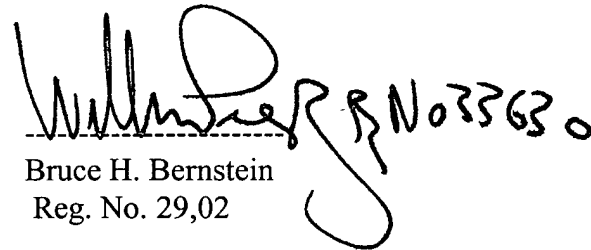
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite these patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William Bernstein', is written over a horizontal line. To the right of the signature, the number 'No 33630' is handwritten.

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